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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

REF: (A) STATE 053199, (B) 76 HELSINKI 2068, (C) HELSINKI 0517

1. DCM DURING MARCH 14 VISIT OF AMB ALLARD LOWENSTEIN
(REF C) INFORMED ACTING MFA POLITICAL DEPT CHIEF
JYRKANKALLIO OF CONGRESSIONAL INTENT RELEASE HUMAN RIGHTS
REPORTS (REF A). THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN NO FINNISH REACTION
EITHER TO PUBLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS OR TO EMB
NOTE OF SEPT 30 INFORMING GOF OF PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS CONTROL ACT OF 1976 (REF B).
GOF, HOWEVER, UNLIKELY BE PLEASED BY PUBLICATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS REPORT FOR TWO REASONS.

2. FOR THE GOF, CONTINUATION OF DETENTE AND SUCCESS OF
BELGRADE CONFERENCE ARE TOP PRIORITY GOALS; THE GOF HOPES
THAT HUMAN RIGHTS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST WILL
BE EASED BEFORE BELGRADE. PUBLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
REPORTS MAY BE VIEWED BY GOF AS KEEPING ATTENTION FOCUSED
ON ISSUE AND SOMEHOW INVOLVING FINLAND IN OPEN CONTROVERSY
OVER HUMAN RIGHTS IT WOULD RATHER AVOID.

3. WHILE MANY GOF OFFICIALS OF COURSE AWARE SMALL
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U.S. MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM AND ITS TECHNICAL
DEFINITION IN U.S. AS ASSISTANCE, THESE FACTS HAVE
RECEIVED NO PUBLICITY IN FINLAND. AS NEUTRAL COUNTRY,
FINNISH LINE IS THAT IT GETS NO MILITARY ASSISTANCE
FROM ANYONE AND PUBLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON
FINLAND AS A RECIPIENT OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE MAY
ATTRACT SOME MEDIA ATTENTION.

4. EMB DOES NOT ANTICIPATE THAT ANY MEDIA COVERAGE
WILL BE ESPECIALLY CRITICAL BUT WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING ASAP TEXT RE FINLAND INCLUDED IN CONGRESSIONAL
PUBLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT.
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